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TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK NIACT IMMEDIATE

CINCPAC HONOLULU HI NIACT

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, MPS, TH

SUBJECT: US FORCE REDUCTIONS IN THAILAND

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE

REF: STATE 58918, BANGKOK 4931, STATE 75882

1. OUR PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR US FORCE REDUCTIONS IN 1974 IS SET FORTH BELOW. TIMING IS BASED ON A COMBINATION OF FACTORS INCLUDING POLITICAL EFFECTS IN THAILAND AND INDO-CHINA AS WELL AS CONSIDERATIONS OF ECONOMY, PERSONNEL WELFARE AND MORALE.

2. PLEASE CONSULT WITH THERTG ON THIS SCHEDULE AND SEEK ITS CONCURRENCE BY 1 MAY, IF POSSIBLE. OUR POSITION SHOULD BE PRESENTED WITH THE EXPLANATION THAT WE HOPE IT WILL MEET RTG NEEDS WITH RESPECT TO DOMESTIC POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONCERNS, BUT WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER ADJUSTMENTS IF THEY HAVE ANY TO PROPOSE.

3. PLEASE TELL RTG THAT WE WILL HONOR THEIR INTEREST IN MAINTAINING THE VISIBILITY OF MOVEMENTS BY NOT ANNOUNCING THE ENTIRE SCHEDULE AT THE OUTSET; RATHER, WE WOULD PLAN

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TO HAVE CONCURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE BY THE RTG AND US

AUTHORITIES JUST BEFORE EACH MOVEMENT OF UNITS AND EACH  
BASE CLOSING.

4. WE ALSO THINK IT WISE TO PRESERVE SOME CONTINGENT FLEXI-  
BILITY TOWARD THE END OF THE SCHEDULE, DEPENDING ON THE

DEVELOPING POLITICAL SITUATION IN THAILAND. WE WOULD  
WELCOME YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS AS TIME DEVELOPS.

5. YOU WILL NOTE THAT TWENTY-FIVE OV-10'S ARE INCLUDED  
IN THE SCHEDULE. THIS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE FINAL WORD  
ON YOUR REQUEST REGARDING OV-10'S WHICH WE WILL BE SENDING  
YOU SEPARATELY.

6. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENT PLAN:

15 MAY - 31 MAY

8 EC -121'S  
7 C-130'S (ABCCC)  
2 HC-130'S (ARRS)  
4 C-130'S (COMFY GATOR)  
9 B-52'S  
1 A-7 SQN  
KC-135'S##

1 -JUNE - 30 JUNE

9 B-52'S  
1 F-4 SQN  
22 EC-47'S  
25 OV-10'S (PACKED)

##14 KC-135'S SHOULD BE REDEPLOYED COMMENSURATE WITH THE  
OVERALL REDEPLOYMENT AND IN-THEATER REFUELING REQUIREMENTS.

1 JULY - 30 JULY

9 B-52'S  
1 F-4 SQN  
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2 H-43'S (PACKED)  
RELOCATE F-111'S TO KORAT

1 AUGUST - 30 AUGUST

6 B-52'S  
1 F-4 SQN

1 SEP - 30 SEP

1 F-4 SQN INACTIVATED  
AND REDISTRIBUTED IN  
THAILAND  
RELOCATE REMAINING AIRCRAFT  
AS REQUIRED

1 OCTOBER

CLOSE TAKHLI

1 NOVEMBER

UBON REDUCED TO  
MINIMUM READINESS

7. ONCE SCHEDULE IS AGREED, YOU AND RTG CAN WORK OUT  
APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENT SCHEDULE FOR AIRCRAFT DEPARTURES  
AND BASE CLOSINGS.

8. FOR CINCPAC: UPON NOTIFICATION OF CONCURRENCE, YOU  
WILL RECEIVE APPROPRIATE EXECUTE MESSAGE. 271704Z APR

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